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1. Until the end of 1951, the Bugac Hotel near Kecskemét served as the headquarters for all the Soviet troops in Hungary. Since then, the headquarters has been moved into underground buildings in Lillafüred near Hévíz Lake. On the first hill north of the lake, the Russians are installing a very powerful radio station.
2. At the present the Bugac Hotel is serving as headquarters for either an armored or motorized division.
3. Next to the hotel, in a camp consisting of 8 wooden barracks, there is a Soviet signal battalion. 50X1-F
 - a. The men of this battalion keep the telegraph line between Budapest and Kecskemét in operational condition.
 - b. The entire line is buried, except where it runs on poles near the outskirts of Budapest to the terminal located in the Petőfi Officer Candidate School at Hűvösvölgy. The insulating material for the wires is a clear red color.
4. Lately, in the Kecskemét area, the barracks listed below have been evacuated by the units living therein and only small guard details have been left behind:
 - a. The Arpád-Köztut infantry barracks. It was occupied by a Soviet armored battalion consisting of about 600 men with 35 T-34-85 tanks, one 122 mm howitzer battery and other tracked vehicles.

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This battalion left on 12 June 1952, at 2100 hours, in the direction of Szabadjakabszállás.

- b. The Erzsébet Laktanya (former Huszár barracks) in the Honvéd utca. It was occupied by a motorcycle unit consisting of about 300 men. The group left on 12 June 1952, at 2100 hours, in the direction of Szabadjakabszállás.
- c. The Páncélos Laktanya barracks, on the road leading to the range. It was occupied by the headquarters of an armored regiment. On 14 June 1952, a battalion consisting of 700 men, with 32 T-34-85 and 8 Stalin III tanks left in the direction of Izsák (N 64). As of 16 June 1952, there still was in the barracks a 152 mm. howitzer battery, 1 anti-tank group with 76.2 mm. guns, about 40 Ford and Studebaker type trucks, painted an olive green color.

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- 5. In the village of Izsák (N 64), in the former Youth Home, there is the headquarters of a regiment of Soviet infantry and also of a battalion. Heavy and medium mortars have been seen here, as well as 45 mm. anti-aircraft guns, drawn by horses. Small units of this regiment are quartered in Pahi (about 31 km. southwest of Kecskemét), Orgovány (N 73), and Meierhofen. One half of an infantry battalion is stationed in Szabadzállás (N 55) and the other half in Fülöpszállás (N 54). Total strength of the battalion is about 700 men.
- 6. Another Soviet infantry battalion is stationed in part in Lajosmizse (N 86) and in Kerekegyháza (N 75); total strength of the battalion is about 700 men.
- 7. In the city hospital, near Uj-Kecske (about 26 kilometers east of Kecskemét), the headquarters of a group of "Stalin organ" rocket launchers is stationed. Some units of this headquarters are also located in farmhouses in O Kecske (about 2.5 km. east of Uj Kecske) and in Ujbog (about 3 km. north of Uj Kecske). This group consists of 3 companies; each company has 9 rocket launchers of the M-13 type, mounted on trucks with 3 axles, with a capacity of 5 tons. This group consists of about 400 men.
- 8. Another infantry regiment is stationed in the village of Cibakháza (O 35); one battalion is stationed in Tiszföldvár (O 35); one battalion in Tiszaluka (O 24), and a third battalion in Nagy Ocsod. The total strength of this regiment is about 2,000 men.
- 9. An assault gun group belonging to an armored division is stationed in Nagykőrös (O 06), in the new barracks along the provincial highway between Kecskemét and Nagykőrös. This group is equipped with 20 SU-152 and 10 SU-122; and there are about 500 men.
- 10. The Mártell Street Barracks is at present occupied by the headquarters of a Soviet artillery regiment and by a group consisting of 3 batteries. Each battery has four 152 mm. guns. Total strength is about 600 men. One group of this regiment is stationed in the village of Ceglédbercel (N 98) and another in the village of Jászkarajenő (O 26). Both of them are equipped with 152- and 122- mm. guns.
- 11. Since 10 June 1952, there are also Soviet units stationed at the Kecskemét airfield. These have about 30 Yak-9 planes, 6 searchlights, 1 AA battery with four 85-mm. guns and twelve 37 mm. automatic weapons, about 60 trucks.
- 12. In the area between the Danube and the Tisza, a concentration of Hungarian troops has only been observed in the Nagykőrös camp, where there were 2 artillery regiments. The following Hungarian units have arrived at Árpádfalva (Órkény): an armored regiment from Gyöngyös, and a group of assault guns from Jászberény (J 11).

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13. Czech units, consisting of artillery and armored units, with about 6,000 men, have been observed in the area of Soltvadkert-Kecel-Császártilés. It is assumed that these will join other troops from the Satellite nations in the forthcoming maneuvers in Hungary. Czech units arrived in this area by railroad, via the Sziget-Vác-Gödöllő-Kunszentmiklós-Fülöpzsállás-Soltvadkert line.
14. Additional barracks for Soviet infantry units are located in Kiskunmajsa, Jánoshalás and south of Kiskunhalas.
15. In Kerekegyháza (N 75), there is a Soviet anti-aircraft regiment.

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